

**Audrey White: Email to Iain McNicol and the NEC, 11 January 2017**

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To: [Iain McNicol](#) [REDACTED]  
Cc: Ben Westerman [REDACTED]  
Subject: For the attention of all NEC members prior to discussions on Liverpool Riverside CLP.

Dear Mr McNicol and NEC members,

I am writing to you in advance of the report on Riverside Constituency.

Before you make any decisions regarding the future of our CLP I wish to remind you that the Labour Party officials who made unsubstantiated claims of antisemitism at Riverside meetings have a duty of care to all their constituents. What they did amounts to inciting racial tension. The many years of work to unite the different communities in our city has been seriously damaged by their actions. The fact that these claims were not investigated by the CLP executive or NW Labour for 10 months has helped to create divisions both locally and nationally.

I am sorry to say I have no confidence in this investigation which I believe is a smokescreen to hide and excuse these powerful people. I fear that in an effort to protect Louise Ellman and Nick Small this investigation will produce a headline grabbing false narrative using the words bullying, toxic, intimidation and antisemitism while the solid facts are cast aside.

There was no bullying and antisemitism this is a fabrication and we will not let this slur against us and our city go unchallenged. Here are the FACTS;

FACT - TEN MONTHS AGO Cllr Small the deputy mayor of our city publicly claimed that there was antisemitism in the city centre constituency of Liverpool. This was followed up in the media by the MP Louise Ellman.

FACT - AFTER TEN MONTHS not one person has been charged or even formally accused but the lies continue.

FACT - THREE TIMES I contacted the executive of the CLP and the NW to investigate and I copied a screenshot of Cllr Small's tweet where he claims antisemitism.

FACT - Cllr Small bullies and intimidates me on the PRIDE demonstration (I believe because I send copies of his tweets to the NW and CLP.) I complain to the whips office.

FACT - THE INVESTIGATING PROCEDURES AGAINST SMALL ARE IGNORED by the Labour whips and instead state, I ... "was asking for trouble" for carrying an A4 piece of paper because it has one word on it - "MOMENTUM."

FACT - Both Cllr Small and Louise Ellman promote an anonymously authored document which abuses Labour Party members and contains lies and libel. This is promoted, quoted and relied upon by the MP in the Murdoch press to call for the suspension of our constituency.

FACT - I write to you with a formal complaint about this and you advise me there will be an investigation.

However, the considerable efforts that are being made by this investigation to excuse the lies and libellous statements in this document as "a misunderstanding " exposes the fact that this investigation is not seriously opposed to the MP Louise Ellman and Nick Small promoting this anonymous document to discredit not only named individuals but the city centre constituency of Riverside itself.

Liverpool has had enough of its reputation being sullied and the use of this anonymous document promoted through the Murdoch press by this MP is not going to go unchallenged.

This is fake news at its most insidious, it's lies, lies and more lies promoted by the Labour MP and Councillor Small.

The cowardice of this anonymous person and the readiness for Louise Ellman and Cllr Small to promote this anonymous document is supposed to be the point of the investigation.

To make claims that our city centre constituency is antisemitic is a lie and people making false accusations must be disciplined for inciting racial tensions and divisions. These people have sullied not only the reputation of individuals and the Labour Party but it drags the city of Liverpool into the mud again and it's reputation tarnished around the world.

It is not to anyone's credit to paper over the actions of these two paid officials and fails our Party in the basic principles of transparency, accountability and democracy.

We need to unite our party to take the fight to the Tories and we can only achieve this by sticking to these principles not abandoning them.

KIND REGARDS,